

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: RELIANT ENERGY RETAIL, INC.	DOCKET NO. CGP-02-1
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**ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION AND ISSUING CERTIFICATE
TO PROVIDE LARGE VOLUME SERVICE**

(Issued February 25, 2002)

On January 17, 2002, Reliant Energy Retail, Inc. (Reliant), filed an application for a certificate as a competitive natural gas provider (CNGP) with the Utilities Board (Board). The application has been identified as Docket No. CGP-02-1. The Board's rules at 199 IAC 2.2(18) and 19.14 establish the filing requirements for the issuance of a certificate. Subrule 19.14(4) states an applicant will be notified when its application is complete and the 90-day review period begins. On January 23, 2002, the Board notified Reliant that the application was complete and the 90-day review period had begun.

Based upon a review of the completed application, the Board finds that Reliant is a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reliant Energy Resources Corporation, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reliant Energy, Incorporated. Reliant was granted a certificate from the Iowa Secretary of State to do business in Iowa on February 16, 1996. Subrule 199 IAC 19.14(2) allows CNGPs providing service in Iowa prior to April 25, 2001, to continue providing service during the certification process. Reliant was not providing service in Iowa prior to April 25,

2001. Reliant is requesting a certificate to provide service to large volume customers, as defined by 199 IAC 19.14(1), only.

Reliant has no affiliates engaged in the provision of natural gas services in Iowa. Reliant does have seven affiliates providing competitive gas services in other states.

Iowa Code § 476.87 requires that a competitive natural gas provider or aggregator must reasonably demonstrate managerial, technical, and financial capability sufficient to obtain and deliver the services it proposes to offer. The Board in 199 IAC 2.2(18) and 19.14 established the filing requirements for a CNGP to obtain a certificate. These requirements contain the information determined by the Board to be necessary to review the managerial, technical, and financial abilities of the applicant.

Reliant has provided the information concerning its principal officers as required by 199 IAC 2.2(18). Reliant indicated that it intends to only serve large volume customers in Iowa and did not file the financial and operational information required for a certificate to serve small volume customers. Additionally, Reliant expressed its commitment to comply with all applicable conditions of certification contained in 199 IAC 19.14(5) and (6). Reliant also acknowledged that failure to comply with all applicable conditions may result in the revocation of its certificate.

Based on a review of Reliant 's application, the Board finds that Reliant satisfies the requirements of section 476.87. The Board finds that Reliant 's application complies with the filing requirements of Board rules and that Reliant will be issued a CNGP certificate to provide service to large volume customers as

defined in 199 IAC 19.14(1). The Board finds that no additional conditions should be placed on the certificate. To provide service to small volume customers, Reliant will need to file an application to amend its certificate and the information required by 199 IAC 2.2(18) and 19.14(6).

Concurrently with the issuance of this order, the Board will issue a certificate to provide service to large volume customers, identified as Certificate No. G-0012, to Reliant. Reliant will be subject to the reporting requirements contained in 199 IAC 19.14(5)"c," once the certificate is issued.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1 The application for a certificate as a competitive natural gas service provider in Iowa filed by Reliant Energy Retail, Inc., on January 17, 2002, is approved subject to the condition that service is limited to large volume customers as defined by 199 IAC 19.14(1).

2. Reliant Energy Retail, Inc., shall comply with the filing requirements of 199 IAC 19.14(5).

3. Certificate No. G-0012 shall be issued to Reliant Energy Retail, Inc.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 25th day of February, 2002.